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After 15 issues and almost a year's growth, it is hoped by this editor that each of you has shared more fully the Aromas experience through the perusal of this publication. THE AROMAS AIR is a manifestation of appreciation for a community which is looking inward, outward, upward, and onward ... It is a vote of confidence to each of you who contribute to the gradual and steady uplifting of Aromas awareness ... It is an effort to coordinate the dynamic mechanics of this process. Regretfully, this author is no longer (if ever) able to keep up with this multi-dimensional motion. There are zillions of happenings which never appear in these issues. The AIR is at best a very limited view of our community at work. If it has opened one eye or one door, though, it has been worth every effort! Sincere thanks to each reporter, carrier, and benefactor who gave each issue its color and kept those presses rolling!!!

NEED A JOB DONE - BUT CAN'T PAY FOR IT? If there is a chore put aside at your house (or even at work) because you don't know how to do it and can't afford to hire it done,(or are you just procrastinating because it's not your favorite thing to do?) consider this: Your neighbor might find it a snap - and - have something which you could, in return, do for him. Don't hesitate because you think you have no specialty to give in return for something like electrical or cement work. Lots of people are in need of somebody to baby-sit, cook, clean house, car pool, or would be if they knew it was available and free. Sit down and catalogue your resources: Spare time, car, storage or garden space, tools or equipment, pasture, activities you could share, and then call 728-3991 evenings and week-ends, or 724-0588 days. If there are others of you who would like to offer your phone number for a central file, please contact Nancy Junkins (above, evenings) or Carole Jones (above, days).....P.S. Prior to press time we made a match ------- it works!!! SERVICE CO-OP..... by Nancy Junkins.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank the members of the Aromas Grange who sold tickets for the drawing of the oil painting which was donated and painted by Mrs. Viola Herrlich, a member of the Aromas Grange. We are especially grateful to the members and friends who purchased these tickets and made it possible for the Grange to proceed with repairs to the hall. MR. AND MRS. HARRY DAVIS, Carpenteria Avenue, Aromas, were winners of the painting.

Edna Manger, Eleanor Meyer, Shirley Callesen
Aromas Grange Fund Raising Committee

BY: Eleanor Meyer
68 Corey Rd.
Watsonville

ELECTION DAY is TUESDAY, JUNE 8th.....
Registration takes place for Monterey County residents at the Aromas Branch Library and at the Fire Station for San Benito County residents. Be certain to vote!!!! Citizens for Education (P.V.U.S.D. Tax Revenue Increase) still need volunteers in all parts of the campaign. Call 722-9231, Ext. 305. Poll watchers to work the day of the election are especially needed.

THE AROMAS POST OFFICE will be better able to provide you with the service you deserve if you make sure to give your correct mailing address to all your correspondents and publishers. Many boxholders receive mail addressed to their street addresses. These bad addresses will inevitably delay the mail. Do you want your mail delayed?.....Please check the addresses on your letters, magazines, newspapers and bills. If you need help in changing the addresses we will be happy to advise you.

Thank you.

FELLOW AROMANS! .....by Laurie Hill

I am writing this open letter to urge each of you to vote for Terry Duncan for judge on June 8th.

Plans have been proposed to consolidate all of the justice courts in one place- Salinas. Unless we elect a judge who can win the confidence of the Supervisors, we are going to lose our court.

I believe that Terry Duncan can provide the leadership that is needed to save the court. Of the three candidates for the job, he is the most qualified to protect our interests.

He is more experienced than the other two, having tried more jury cases than both of his opponents combined. Moreover, he has worked closely with all the county judges for over five years and can get their support in the fight to preserve our court.

We in Aromas know that North County is caught in a population boom. Just witness the new homes that have been built here in the last 5 years, School enrollment is up. A new high school is on the way.

More than ever we need a court here in North County, not in Salinas - that can respond to our needs, as we, the local people see them.

I know Terry and am confident that a vote for him is a vote to keep our courts.

Dear Aromas,

Our own Mrs. "Sherry" Clark has won my enthusiasm with her Rabbitry. So much that I phoned her home at the "Old Gates Ranch" at the very end of Seely for an interview.

"Mrs. Young," she answered, "could you call back in an hour? I have eight brand-new pups and the children are all over the place."

"Alright. I"ll be back at four-thirty."

I was. And she said everything was under control for the interview.

"How did you become interested in Rabbitry?"

"I've always loved animals. So I didn't mind when my young son, Chris, brought home a mother rabbit and her five two or three month-old babies from a neighbor while we were living in San Martin. It was our first animals. But I remembered they breed fast so I had to make cages in a hurry."

"Chris is in second year 4-H and he loves animals. I think Rabbitry is a good project, even for first year-olds. It's good sex training. Also, Rabbits make good shows besides being good to eat. Mr. Hawkins of Salinas raises small, rare Rabbits for show. His Rabbitry is the best in the area. Sometimes they are hard to raise. We had one doe that killed her three litters. I had to kill her. Besides that there are fifteen or sixteen diseases, pneumonia included, that kills them."

"Why did you pick Aromas for your home?"

"We had a chance to buy this ranch in Aromas. We like the peace and quiet of country life. And this old ranch is quite safe for my seven-year-old daughter, Kathleen, to ride her horse. We now have three horses, fifteen chickens, three ducks."

"Where did you live before coming to Aromas?"

"I grew up in San Jose and was married there when I was 18. After a few years we moved to San Martin and lived there three years. Then we bought this ranch. I remember my Grandmother telling me she cut apricots on Seely around 1915 or 1916. Now they're too old to bear. I remember Grandmother telling me Aromas was tiny in those days. She was raised in Prunedale. So I know that the country was born in me!"

---------- By Esther C. Young, Box 544, Aro.

REPORT FROM THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Remember the playground committee? Yes, we're still alive. Because of other more pressing committments we haven't met for some time, but the wheels are turning. We are in the process of writing a proposal that will be presented to the school district and counties requesting space and money to get our community playground started. Our plans include a tire swing, soccer field, tennis courts, and leisure area. We are always interested in suggestions and, of course, lots of help from all interested --- no matter what age you are. So feel free to call me: I'd love to hear from you ..... Donna Valdez ... 722-2277.

NATIVIDAD MEDICAL CENTER REPORT ... somewhat edited excerpts from an article by ROGER A. BURTON, Candidate, 1ST DISTRICT Monterey County Supervisor

Health care costs nationwide are going up at an alarming rate. Insurance companies are asking for a 160% increase this year in health insurance. States and local governments are making an effort to cut down in their commitment in health care-especially to the poor. In eleven states this commitment toward the poor has been drastically cut; in seven counties in California, county hospitals have been closed.

The Board of Supervisors of Monterey County decided to investigate Natividad (County Hospital) Medical Center in an effort to cut back services to the indigent. Opposition to this crossed all economic barriers. The hospital will stay intact; in fact, there is now a likelihood of expanded services, rather than reduced ones. Natividad Medical Center has been operating since 1886. Services provided are not at all second-rate. There are no fancy trimmings, such as private rooms and wine with your meals, but the cost of care is considerably less than that of private hospitals. Also, the staff has a special dedication and esprit de corps at Natividad.

We seem to be headed towards an investigation of the whole health system and may completely discard it, in deference to the health care systems in England or Scandanavia. Because health services are an essential part of day to day living, nationalization is probably the answer. This is being prevented by strong lobbies to preserve the private enterprise system. In the meantime, patients must suffer soaring medical costs. The county hospital is the only place left to us where we can receive humane health care without a sizeable down payment.

P.T.A. WORKSHOP held recently at Aromas School featured Penny Statua, P.T.A. Council President. Penny flatly stated that P.T.A. is not the "tea and cookies bunch";PTA is going into its "meat and potato" era. P.T.A. representatives are public aids, volunteers,and are a large legislative lobby."P.T.A. can help you research anything-it has more resources than you can imagine!" RISE (Reform In Secondary Education) has been held up largely due to P.T.A.'s opposition to separate groups being mandated as advisory committees, when P.T.A. already exists and has the framework for this kind of parent participation. P.T.A. has a lot of clout! Nationally it involves 7 million people - non-paid; it operates on dues of one dollar per member or family. At a recent P.T.A. Council conference in Sacramento, members "marched" to extricate RATA (a school finance bill allowing an increase of $160 per student) out of committee and bring it up for vote. The P.T.A. is expected to raise money for huge projects ... SO ... P.T.A. should have a "say" about how the materials or money or buildings are used! Penny Statua plans to make her presidency meaningful. She wishes to meet with each unit and to hold meetings at each school to stimulate involvement. She feels "... fellowship is as important as leadership." Donna Valdez, newly installed President of Aromas School P.T.A. attended the Sacramento conference and is duly enthused. She called this workshop as a first measure in educating all of us about P.T.A. work, beginning with By-Laws! Be sure and join this active group for the coming school year.

AROMAS SERVICE CLUB meets Monday, June 7, to discuss next town meeting. The topic: POLICE PROTECTION ALTERNATIVES. Regular Service Club meetings are the 4th Monday of each month. This month's regular meeting will take the form of a TOWN MEETING. On Monday, June 28th at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station, we will meet as a community to discuss what actions we should take regarding more effective police protection for Aromas. Neighborhood Watch, a program instituted by many police departments and which calls for community involvement, will be discussed. Now that elections will have taken place, let's see what our new representatives have to offer Aromas!

AROMAS DAY will be Sunday, August 15. The Volunteer Firemen and women will be planning a feast, booths for rent, and a street dance. If you have ideas for festivities, call Suzanne Clarke at 728-3148. The Clarke's will be housing a potluck dinner on Wednesday, June 16, for those who wish to work on the Aromas Day Dance. This date will be changed if other activities conflict with it. Let Suzanne and Jim know if you cannot make it that evening. For the record: AROMAS DAY WILL ALWAYS BE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF AUGUST.

THE AROMAS SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE has made a great many strides this year! Only one year in operation, it has adopted workable by-laws, contributed to the writing of a K-3rd Grade program which entitles Aromas School to some $24,000. in extra funds and set up standing committees which make surveys, clarify conflicts, evaluate the school program, and research concepts in education - not to mention specialized teams which address themselves to the task of upgrading our program in reading, math, language development, multi-culture, staff development, parent participation, parent education, and health auxiliary services. Also, the SAC has made major decisions regarding a multi-aged classroom, 1-3 Grades. A Review Committee was appointed by Principal, Duane Peterson, which will write job descriptions and interview for future teachers hired. This Committee will not have the final say-so concerning hiring, but will be effective in screening applicants and submitting choices to the school board. Parents have never before had such an opportunity. There is now a viable plan to implement new programs at Aromas School. Parents in Aromas may make suggestions and be heard through the vehicle known as SAC. There will be summer visits to other schools in our district which are still in session, a July picnic, and an informal gathering preceeding the commencement of school in September. If you are interested in becoming a member of SAC, please contact Carole R. Jones, Chairperson, 724-0588. The creation of this committee was mandated by the state of California, but the birth of the School Advisory Committee was made possible by the labors of members who were capable of delivering ... loyal service ... valiant efforts of parents, teachers, aides, other personnel and community members, who met - regardless of personal conflicts, discouragement, pressing deadlines, vague guidelines, a grueling review by the state, and ignorance on the part of parents and staff regarding their respective roles and functions. Yet they met. And they worked. And they succeeded in creating a fine program for next year, maintaining a certain amount of respect for one another, and sustaining a real dedication to identifying and addressing to the educational needs of our children. Congratulations!!!

THE AROMAS FOOD COLLECTIVE will meet Tuesday, June 15, at 7:30 P.M. at the Smith's (yellow house next to Marshall's Grocery). Join with us in obtaining nutritious foods at reasonable prices.

YOGHURT, YOGURT ... OR YOHOURT .....offered by Laurie Hill

Yoghurt, sometimes spelled yoghourt, yogurt, yogourt or yohourt, is that custard-like preparation made by fermenting concentrated whole milk.* Usually snow white, it differs from other fermented milks in that it is consumed as a custard rather than as a liquid. Sales of yoghurt in this country have doubled and doubled again in recent years-current sales exceed 400 million pounds a year-just under two pounds per capita. And - that does not include the homemade variety,...a fast-growing source of supply. Yoghurt is considered a highly nutritious food that can be digested when other foods are rejected. It contains little or no alcohol and is highly acid. Some people, especially those in European countries, claim that yoghurt had distinct therapeutic and health-promoting properties. Yoghurt is not like kefir and kumiss, which are fermented milks common to the upland and northern countries of Europe. If you'd like to make your own yoghurt, the directions are available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Eastern Regional Research Center, Philadelphia, PA. 19118. Ask for CA - N.E. - 9. (* Yoghurt may also be made from skim milk, evaporated milk or from a mixture of these.)

AROMAS BROWNIE TROUP LANGUISHES FOR LEADER ... Brownie Troop #4229 is looking for a new leader. Kathy Peery, past leader, will be leaving the area soon. Brownie leaders are required to hold one meeting a week for their troop and to attend one meeting a month for leaders. #4229 now has approximately 10 girls in membership. If you would like to work with these girls, please call Kathy Peery at 724-8143 or Mrs. Betty Luzovich at 724-9292. Summer meetings are few. Regular meetings start to take place during the traditional school year.

WOMEN'S CRISIS LINE ... help in rape crisis, emotional support, and information and referrals. Salinas: 757-1001. Monterey: 375-HELP. Available 24 hours.

A CAT CALLED CHERRI ... by Branda Johnson, Age 8, Room 3, June 6, 1976

Once upon a time there was a cat called Cherri. Her real name was Cher but everyone called her Cherri because no one liked her real name. But the cat did like her names - her owner did not like any of his cats' names. But she did so she got to keep her names. One day another cat, his name was Dick, came along and when Cherri saw Dick and when Dick saw Cherri they fell in love and that night they were married and Dick and Cherri lived in a castle and they lived happily ever after.

- The End -

FOR SALE AND/OR HIRE:

HOME FOR SALE. San Juan Road. 3 bedrooms-2 baths. Family room with fireplace. New carpets and linoleum, new countertops, new paint inside and out. ½ acre - call Glenn Spitzer, agent ... 724-1238

LIGHT WORK. Norene Rhoades, age 10, would like to do housework, yard work, car washing, errands, or odd jobs. A very industrious and enterprising young lady ... call 722-5272 ... 40 Marcus.

FOR SALE: '64 Chevy wagon, 327 engine, everything works ... $300.
Parachute with harness, 28 ft. LL ... $100.
Double Bed - mattress and box springs ... $10. Call 728-3148-the Clarke's

FOR RENT: Share house, one extra bedroom. Private, quiet. Aromas Road. Call Nancy Junkins ... 728-3991.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BIRTHS

to Nicholas and Rosalie Olmeda, a son, Juaquin Nicholas, born 8:30 A.M. Sunday, May 30th, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces. Three-year-old Angelina wanted a sister, but somehow, when holding or looking at Juaquin, she doesn't mind his gender at all!

to Michael and Charlotte de Wey, a daughter, June Pauline. Michael says she's a red head, just like their first daughter, Candice. June is a long-legged beauty at 22". She was born Friday, June 4th at 2:38 P.M. We should look forward to having these folks nearer us when they find a home in Aromas. Michael de Wey is our new Fire Chief.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY the 7th — 10 AM Aromas Women'a Consciousness Raising...Sherry Shubin, 722-9613
7:30 PM Aromas Service Club Meeting at the Fire Station

TUESDAY the 8th — ELECTION DAY. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!
7:30 PM Regular Meeting Commissioners or Fire District, Fire Station

THURSDAY the 10th — "PLAY DAY" at Aromas School. Last day of School. School over by noon.
7:30 P.M. Volunteer Fire Drill. Fire Station.

FRIDAY the 11th — 8:00 PM Grange Business Meeting

MONDAY the 14th — 10 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising ... Sherry Shubin, 722-9613

TUESDAY the 15th — 7:30 P.M. Food Collective Meets at the Smith's (next to Marshall's)
7:30 P.M. Regular Water District Meeting, Fire Station

WEDNESDAY the 16th — 6 PM Potluck Dinner at the Clarke's for Dance Committee (tentative) 728-3148

THURSDAY the 17th — Spanish at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive. 3 o'clock P.M.

SUNDAY the 20th — FATHER'S DAY!!!

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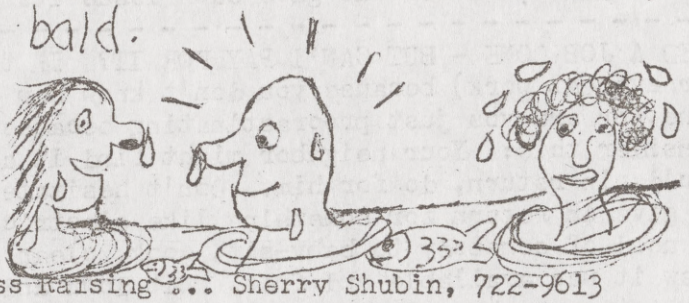
All these By Randy

IRK: What did the moon boy say to the moon girl?
Jerk: let's take a strole there's a beautiful earth out tonight.

Smart: three men fell in the water but only two got there hair wet
aleck: why?
Smart because one was bald.

BENNY: why isn't your nose twelve inches long?
LENNY: If it was it would be a foot, by Randy Sloan



CAIENDAR OF EVENTS --- cont'd

MONDAY 10 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising ... Sherry Shubin, 722-9613
the 21st
THURSDAY 7:30 PM Volunteer Fire Drill, Fire Station
the 24th
FRIDAY 6:30 PM Grange Potluck Dinner
the 25th
MONDAY TOWN MEETING. POLICE PROTECTION ALTERNATIVES. 7:30 PM at the Fire Station
the 28th
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 ---------- AROMAS DAY

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* DESIDERATA *

- found in OLD SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, Baltimore; dated 1692

GO PIACIDLY AMID THE NOISE & HASTE, & REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. * Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. * Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life if full of heroism. * Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. * Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. * You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.*Be careful. Strive to be happy.*